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THE man who drew an Arkansas City hotel in a lottery is very much in the condition of the man who obtained so elephant in the same way.

at its recent meeting adopted the Omaha | framers. Most of the laws passed either | wander about the streets, and pausing be? platform as its demands. They changed by congress or state legislatures are ap- fore images of the Virgin, at street corsame things

of their peculations. It would be hard in the courts. on the country if the Oklahoma idea should become popular.

The Popular conference at St Louis in a resolution referred to Judge Woods, who sentenced Deba to Juli, scone "whose record is a stala upon the judiciary of sons, the country." The Popullsts seem intent that organization did give them the cold | kill them. shoulder at the last election.

ARRANSAS CUTY is having much the folks came fromsort of trouble with its water company that we are having. The company has got its affairs in such condition that nobody else could afford to take it and now snaps its fingure in the faces of the people. There is one way to deal with such is to condemn their property, have it ap- "mizeltoe" according to a local paper. praised, pay them the appraisement and take it for the public use just the same as we obtained a court house site. Why thankful for is that they aren't horses. should a corporation have any more priv-Heges than an individual?

THE Kauses City Star contains the fol-

lowings In the court of common pleas by Kansas City, Kan., yesterday, the judge dis-solved the attachment recently placed lottery gambler, who immediately proceeded to resume business. The action of the court was based upon a technicality which defeated the intent of the law. This incident goes to show that Missouri has none the best of Kansus when it comes to protecting criminals upon technicalities, and it will only serve to increase the popular contempt for legislatures and courts of justice. There can be no respect for law smong the people as long as it continues to be administered in the interest of the victors classes.

fall to pass a currency bill between now and the time of adjournment, the president will at once call an extra session of the new congress. Mr. Cleveland could so, why should they walt thirteen months new year has commenced to move. for action? The constitution is very much in need of amending, to that the sorm of a congress elected in November | page 8.

shall begin the following month, or in January, which would be better, because there is never anything done earlier than voted for a thing, what is the sense in having to walt two years for it?

THE KIND OF PEOPLE WE ARE. Topeka is again groaning over the pressure put on by its water company pressure on everything but the fire hy-drants, which will not throw a stream sufficient for a fire protection. A suit is pending for the forfeiture of the company's franchise for non-fulfillment of its contract and there is much agitation over the whole matter. We no longer have any such trouble in Lawrence. There was a time when the people kloked on nasty water and other violations of the contract; and then the com-pany kicked back and insisted that it must have a new contract. The old one was good enough for the city, but it didn't suit the company, so of course it was changed. The company at once sold \$290,000 more bonds, which it had before been unable to unload, continued to furnish poor water, raised the rates and pro-The issues of the Toping Dater State ceeded to squeeze the people at every commander, the three months, viz. from the thay of ourse, test to the sist day of August, it, mentions have been as follows: community and are used to being im-If Topeka only had a purely partisan ity administration like ours, it would lispose of the water question in a abort ime so that there would be no further disturbance -- for the reason that objecions would be useless after the city's rights had all been given away.-Law-

The very stupidity that prevails at Lawrence in municipal affairs is what Topeks is struggling against. We do not elect mayors or councilmen here for their war record, or because they can make good speeches on the tariff ques-

The usual issues in Topeka are busithe Civic Federation ideal than most other cities, this may be the reason why the proposed Civic Federation does not materialize here. Perhaps we don't need it very badly.

At any rate, the people of Topeka have so far progressed beyond partisan of the happy Italian nature. politics in their city affairs that they demand the best service that can be had re- of hilarious merriment, heightened by gardless of politics. This city elected numerous drafts of the red hued Italian R. L. Cofran for mayor twice, although wine or the rich yellow Marsaha, a lithe is a Demourat, because the people wanted a good business man in the hand of a blind fiddler, may be peering mayor's office. Metsker was turned out | wistfully in, and with a nittle voice, like because, although a Republican boss, he a mean of anguish, piping out: wanted the people's money. T. W. Harrison was chosen mayor on account of his good business recurd, not because he was a Republican; although he is, and a broad minded one.

their affairs be attended to economically are closed, and images of the Virgin in and at the doors of their houses for passand in a business like manner. That is what they want and what they will have.

That also is why we propose to give. handsomest and most complete web star- the water company its just deserts. If EM Zastern office, 73 Tribune Building, in the same miserable plight that haw. The cafes are trimmed with palms, first day of the year to present them seed that a city should be run entirely for the benefit of the people | ed card which serves as a gentle remindpoliticians with jobs. This a rather originate not be taken amiss by the waiter who eve. No lights or fires, however, are alinal idea, to be sure, but we've got it in has patiently served one through the Topeks, and we mean to hang on to it.

> THE fees and salary law passed by the last legislature has been declared unconstitutional by the courts. This was

> > KANSAS PARAGEAPUS.

Seranton isn't a very hig place but it has three aspirants for state offices. Measrs. Tinder and Bigwood are prominent members of the Woodmen at Par-

Thieves about Wichita are stealing upon standing by the A. R. E. even if hogs faster than the packing houses can

Mr. O'Mealey of Austin never has to answer questions as to what country his

J. D. Botkin will start the "Industrial the first of the year.

There is a man at Horton who is so blind that he thinks he is lucky because he drew a folding bed in a raille.

The Cottonwood Falls girls varied orporations when all else falls and that things a little by standing under the A Horton man has thirty seven blooded dogs and the only thing he has to be The fire company at Abileve is spend-

ing the cold snap thawing out hydrants | were gone, and although I spent several | gently pushed back, never scraped or instead of sitting about the stove telling other Christmases in Italy I never again Stories An eligible Atchison man has created

that he will be married before next

Christmas or not at all. A peculiar state of affairs exists at Sapon the paraphernalia of a notorious betha. A landierd complains because his guests ent too much. The landlord should be proud of himself.

Mr. Grover, the superintendent of the Brown county poor house, is in trouble for malireating the lumates. He might be sure that misfortune would attend his

A peddler was selling a patent coffee pot warranted to make good coffee in of the Milanese Christmas dainty-Parsons and one boarding house keeper got one for Christmas from each of her

It is ramored that if congress shall put a man out because he drank too much hard cider. If the spirituous and spiritual won't mix in that town the combination is impossible.

The agitation for the removal of the county seat of Osage county from Lyndo nothing that would redound more to don to Orage City has commenced answ his credit. When the people have spok- and will have a running start before the

> St. Peter and the Devil. See Green Coal Coa's premium ad on in the families of the two little serve, and serve.

HOLIDAYS IN ITALY.

Official Paper of the City of Topeka, that anyway. After the people have HOW CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S clous. ARE OBSERVED THERE.

> All Go to the Cafes to Be Glad Together. The Songs, the Festivals and the Flowers-A Milanese Christmas-The Holy Child-Buoul Auguri.

[Special Correspondence.] ROME. Dec. 19. -It is a great custom in Italy to spend the Sunday and holiday afternoons at the cafes and osterie in and about the city. The Italians are a sociable race. They seek companionship in their joys as well as their sorrows. All go to the public cafes to be glad and merry toegther. The well to do shopkeeper and his family, the workman in



ITALIAN TYPE.

ened hands, his clothes bespattered with ness ones. We are a great deal nearer mind; the pensant, the minenti, with their women laden with jewelry and flaunting colors, all crowd about the tables of an osteria laughing, chatting, singing, joking, drinking. Perhaps a singer or dancer of local fame is dancing to the music of a mandelin, dancing with all the freedom and abandon

> And while all are enjoying an hour tle dark eyed beggar maid, holding the

Sta chitarolla cop I gnale fa passa. (While stands the little guitarist here Borrows will pass away.) A Sesson of Good Will.

During the annual festival that stirs The people of Topeka demand that the heart of all Christendom the shops | Bulls' horns were placed in the halls walks and niches and churches are ersby to fill with gifts on New Year's crowned and bedecked with masses and day-cloves for young girls, cakes for garlands of flowers. Uniformed bors and | old people, birds and stuffed animals. liveried servants hurry about the streets Tonr.

Even the beggar forgets to pose in his usually melancholy attitude and smiles in anticipation of a generous alms from

the happy throng. Occasionally bands of men called pif-THE Colorado state Parmers' Alliance probably anticipated and intended by its ferari come down from the mountains, the construction but they asked for the parently passed for buncombs and pur- ners, under balconies, they play weird, posely left in such condition that they sweet strains of music on their Arcadian can be rendered inoperative. What is pipes or piffero. Their costume is odd and THE county officials at Stillwater, Ok- the use of continuing to send lawyers to ploturesque, consisting of a sugar loaf lakema, are suspected of having burnt the legislature and to congress if they hat, with red bands about it, blue jacket, the court house to destroy the evidence won't or can't make laws that will stand goatskin brooches and sandals fixed to lowed, nor is any one permitted to speak the feet with crossed leather though. The sugar loof hats serve as contribution boxes for the pennies that are freely | the bells set ringing and the musical inshowered into them. For nine days previous to Christmas they wander about playing their curious, sweet melodies, and singing a melancholy tune, which is interrupted now and then by a chanted | is visible, for that brings had luck. hymn to the Virgin. This is called the

Troubadour Music.

I remember the first and only time I saw these fast disappearing relies of a long line of troubadours. I was strolling about one sunshiny Christmas morning when my attention was arrested by Advocate," a Populist paper, at Notedeshia the sound of faint, melancholy music. I found my way into the narrow street the pifferari. Their music entranced only trimmed but polished every day, me. I followed them from street to street | not so much for the fine brilliancy the and house to house and only left them | chamois and powder give, but for the at last from pure physical exhaustion. After resting awhile I went out again | ier growth the process and powder ento find them and listen to the music. the strains of which still linger in my | hands and when drying them the skin, memory, hever to be forgotten. But they came across the pifferari.

There are sweetment stalls on almost a panic in social circles by announcing every corner. They consist of a counter | yellows the surface, and only once a with steps lined with calico and fringed in front and at the sides with bright red | n bath of warm water and ammonia, for, cloth edged with a stripe of gold. On the counter and steps are all the toys and sweets necessary for a jolly Christmas. There are pangialli and panetone, yellow breads with raisins in, substitutes for plum pudding, nougat and torroni and all the sweetments appropriate to

> the senson. Well do I remember my first glimpse pauetone. I was passing along a narrow street when, in glancing into a dirty courtyard, I saw hundreds of the large rise, nothing between them and the

selves in a warm spot.

ants. Had I not seen its lowly origin I might have eaten it with relish, as I afterward learned that it is quite deli-

It is the custom in many houses to a erect presepe-scenes representing the nativity-the Holy Child, the ox and ass, whose breath is supposed to warm it; the Virgin, Joseph, the shepherds bringing presents, all represented by Mr. Bittersweet Lectures His Wife and little clay figures. These presepe are a source of great pleasure to the children, and for months before they begin to save their pennies to buy the little clay figures. Sometimes the presepe are very elaborate affairs, but in the homes of actual occurrence of 2,000 years ago. All Expect a Present.

Every one in Italy asks for and expects a Christmas present. Every one his holiday clothes, the laborer with | who has rendered the least and most inhis sunbrowned skin and his toil-hard- significant service through the year appears on Christmas morning, doffs his cap and-waits. The telegraph boy who it in the vacant room where nobody had may have delivered one telegram, the been for six weeks. postman, the registered letter man, the newsboy, the man who brings the coal, the one who empties the dust bin and, aye, even the debt collector who has so busy all week making my own dress, "called so often to have that little bill . settled." Each servant, including the that"porteress in the lodge, expects from 25 to 50 francs. One must have a full purse, give and give freely at Christmas time. "Buona festa" say the Italians, and

"Merry Christmas" say we. Once on a time there was a goddess called Strena, who was the patroness of dear, and put it out of order." youth, health and strength. There was ple were filled with hygienic plants, more especially the verbena, which possesses extraordinary health giving properties. In every courtyard and every garden in Rome the verbena flourished. to bed." Outside and inside, houses were decoratthe priests of Strena's temple were wont to distribute shoots and slips of this highly prized little plant to the people. Great ceremony attended the distribu- | will you?" tion of the plant on New Year's day,

modest little strenna of verbena became transformed into flowers, truit and cakes creams we shall lose our train. You covered with gold leaf, toys, trinkets and jewels. And thus originated the custom of New Year's gifts.

Pay of Schoolmasters. Occasionally in Italy today one sees en old castles or palaces large horns at each side of the principal entrance.

Schoolmasters in the olden time rewith presents and tributes of affection | ceived no regular pay for their services, we were divided politically, we should be in the form of the ever welcome flowers. but each pupil was expected on the

who live in it, and not to furnish ward or that the offer of a lira or two would today is to give a supper on New Year's not bear anything we say.



until after the clock has sounded 12. Then suddenly the house is illuminated, struments played, while every one sings or shoets, "Envina!" After that the host and guests silently count any silver money they have about them. No gold "Buoni auguri" salute the Italians,

and "Happy New Year" salute we. ALICE MARRLE

Care of the Hands.

Pretty nails on a well cared for hand are as distinctive of fine habits as white teeth and well groomed hair. For women who cannot afford the ministrations of a professional manicure the New York whence it emanated and there beheld | Sunsuggests that one's finger nails be not qualities of elasticity, color and healthcourage. Always after bathing the so apt to grow upon the nail, should be cut. To whiten and clean from stains pure white vinegar is the best application. Lemon juice merely shrivels and month it is good to wash one's hands in used more frequently, the ammonia, that whitens the nails to a pretty pearl tint. also makes them painfully brittle. For shaping and trimming one's nails a pair of curved blade scissors that must never be put to any other use are best, their good offices to be followed by a careful leveling of the raw edges with sandpa-

Lamb Chops Saute.

per of a particular quality sold by the

Put a piece of butter into a frying The church people at Everest want to round loaves placed on the ground to pan, and when hot lay in the chops, rather highly seasoned with pepper and stone paving except a thin board. Peo- salt. Fry them until thoroughly done, thing when you go hunting. ple were passing in and out, hucksters | but not too brown. Should gravy be reand servants and dirty children, while quired, pour off the greater part of the killed Jones' best dog the last time I several cats were amiably sunning them- fat and then stir in half a tablespoon- went. - Detroit Free Press. ful of flour. Stir until the flour browns; One of these selfsame loaves after- then add a gill of broth or water, an ward found its way to our table, a gift | cunce of fresh butter and the juice of from the baker. A little later, divided half a lemon. Stir until the sauce be- you know about Crossus? exactly in two, it furnished happiness comes rather thick, pour over the chops



THEY LOST THE TRAIN.

Wishes He Hadn't.

The young Bittersweets were going away on a visit, and after many vicissitudes they were in the street car on their way to the station.

"Now, Amelia," remarked her lord, the poor they more nearly resemble the | "I hope you will learn a lesson in punctuality from all this. You nearly made us late by running up stairs again at the last moment."

"For the tickets which you had forgotten, dear." "H'm. That was because you fancied you smelled gas and sent me to look for

"Well, you said that some one might have been hidden there for days for all I knew, and they might. I have been because I couldn't afford a dressmaker,

"Well, well, keep to the subject, Amelia. Now, we would have missed our train if my watch had not been in order. Yours was at the jeweler's, as

usual " "Because you tried to regulate it,

"Always some excuse; but, as I say, temple dedicated to this goddess in punctuality is a great virtue. Now, I Rome, and the gardens about the tem- never miss a train and never sit at the station half an hour or so. You are habitually late. You should make a habit of winding and setting your watch at a certain hour each day, say when you go

"Yes, dear, I know, but sometimes I ed with it. On the first day of the year | go to bed early, and sometimes I sit up very late for you."

"H'm! Here we are at the station. Wait a minute, my dear, while I buy a Young men at tournaments who were cigar. Now, you will see that I have victorious over their opponents received allowed just time to get comfortably a verbena plant as a reward of valor. into the train. Just give me the tickets,

"Why, Chauncey, I-I must have forand all who received it were said to gotten and left them on the bureau have received a stronna-New Year's where they were lying. I remembered some chocolate cream in the upper As Rome advanced in civilization the drawer, and I was afraid the mice"-"And for the sake of a few chocolate

> will never learn"-"What train did yez want?" queried the gatekeeper. "The 3:30," snapped Mr. Bitter-

"Went ten minutes ago," was the cheery reply. "But-but my watch says 3:28 now,"

faltered Mr. Bittersweet. "Watch is slow. Yez should wind and set it at a cur"-But Mr. Bittersweet was out of hear-

ing .- Chicago Tribane. Domestic Felicity.

Mr. Riverside Parke-Yes, I admit I New York, Perry Lukens, Ir., manager, rence is. But the people of this town are green vines and blooming plants. At with a gold rod, in return for which and my wife do have occasional little While there had such a read of the read of Another Roman custom that survives make the children go out so they will

Mr. Murray Hill-I know now why your children are always on the street.

-Texas Siftings.

Star.

Disheartening. "These times," said Meandering Mike, "is the most discouragin I ever

"Whut's the matter?" asked Plodding Pete. "Every place I stops an asks fur work they offer me some."-Washington

Keeping Him Away.

some time ago, and he hasn't called on garbs broke into the churches on the eve Inc since

Cora-He probably feels that if he came he would have to wear it -Clothier and Furnisher.

A Marvel,

A Character—Is he good natured? that man to speak kindly to his wife when she was removing a mustard country, where, afters singing their plaster from his back!"-Tit-Bits.

No Danger.

Miss Passee (virtuously) - Well, I should just like to see a man try to kiss me goodby at the gate, that's all! Miss Sixteen (mischievously)-So should I. - Somerville Journal.

Independent. Conductor-How old are you, little

Little Girl-If the company doesn't object, I prefer to pay my fare and keep my own statistics. - Vogue.

A Great Find.

Great Scott, here is luck! A living picture just to fit my frame!-Truth.

A Hunter! She (tauntingly)-You never kill any-He (indignantly)-Yes, I do too. I

Exclained. Teacher-Now, Charlie, tell us what Charlie-Dudes wear 'em in their pants - Harlem Life.

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IN THE LAND OF CAKES.

Curious Customs and Myths of New Year's

Day Still Prevalent. "Hogmanny," as the Scotch folk call their New Year's eve, is the greatest festival of the year in the "innd o" cakes" and has many ancient and curious customs and superstitions connected with it. The origin of the danne is uncertain, but it is posity generally conceded to have been derived from the French words "an gui mener" (lend to the mistletool, in allusion to the ancient Druidical custom of cutting the mistletoe from the oak on the night of the last day of the year. The sacred plant was brought by the priests into the towns and market places and given to the people as an animal to preserve but nobody is ever present. 1 While they had such a good old tongue as the Gaelie near at mand, it is not to be supposed that the pions Draids spoke to their votaries in the language of Johnny Crapaud. The intimate connection of Scotland and France during the middle ages will easily account for the

introduction of the term "hogmanay." The days about New Year's, which from the revelry and mammery that characterized them were called by the Scotch the "daft days," hear closuresemblance to the "fetes des fous," which interfered so scandalously with the vigils in the French churches during the sixt onth contory that they were finally put down by the bishop of Augres in 1598. During these "fetes des Dora-I made Mr. Hopper a necktie | fous' bands of baggars clad in fautastic of the New Year, and after singing their weird carols demanded alms of

the worshipers. The modern Scotch representatives of these obtrusive beggars were known as the "guisards" or "gyzars." These were harmless and entertaining mask-"Good natured! Why, I have known ers, who were generally admitted into the house, of the best families in the carols, they were permitted to dance with the members of the household.

Many assert that the hoghmen, or hillmen, were the good genii versus the trolls, or evil ones, who were the beings referred to: hence the ditty:

Hogmanny, Trollulay, Gie me o' your white bread.

I'll hae name o' your gray. The white bread, signifying the goodthings of life, versus the gray, or evil ones. A very popular rhyme, with a moral, is one freely sung in the northeastern counties of Scotland:

Get up, gude wife, and hinns awe)r [hazy]
And deal your bread to them that a here.
For the time will come when ye'll be dead,
And then ye'll neither need ale nor bread.
My feet's cauld, my shoon's this.
Gie's my cakes and let me rin.

Having chalked the doors with the New Year's numbers, they depart to gather coppers, cakes and fruit olsewhere.

At the stroke of midnight each member of the family party would quaff a full bumper of "hot pint" and wish the others a happy New Year and many of them. Then it was customary for the elders to sally forth with a hot kettle, bread and cheese, etc., and pay visits of greeting to the neighbors. The first party to enter a house were called the 'first foot' and were warmly welcomed, as their arrival in that capacity indieated good luck. Much kindly rivalry ensued, and from midnight to 1 o'clock the streets were fairly swarming with would be "first footers." This custom was still prevalent in Scott's day.

Extortions by Ship Captains. The Shin SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31 .-Owners' association charges that every sallor who has left this port on a British vessel this year had to forfeit from onetwelfth to one-fifth of his wages to the captain. British Consul Donohoe her made an investigation, but while co he failed to substantiate it by proofs.